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DISTRICT ATTORNEYS,

MEMBERS OF THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY

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Reported by:  
Marleen B. Thiel,  
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Orleans Parish Grand Jury

JOHN RENE HEINDEL, witness herein, after being duly sworn by the Foreman of the Orleans Parish Grand Jury, was questioned and answered as follows:

Q. Please state your name for the record?

A. John Rene Heindel.

MR. ALCOCK:

John, it is my duty with every witness who comes before the Grand Jury to advise you of your Constitutional rights, at the outset, under the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Louisiana you have the right not to answer any question which you feel incriminates you or tends to incriminate you. Additionally, of course, you have just taken an oath to tell the truth and nothing but the truth, so you must tell these gentlemen and the lady the complete truth. And if it should be shown that you haven't told the truth of course you could be subject to the charge of perjury. Now, in telling the truth, and the law of perjury, there are two ways you can commit perjury. One is to tell a lie and the other is to make a categorical statement about something which you really don't know, such as for example, never having seen my car and you said it was white, and in fact it was white but you didn't know

it was white when you made the statement, that would also be perjury. Now, do you understand that?

A. Yes sir.

MR. GARRISON:

Mr. Heindel, do you feel that you understand the law of perjury and that it has been explained clearly to you?

A. Yes sir.

Q. All right. You understand, of course, that if you commit perjury before an Orleans Parish Grand Jury that that fact that some one - its quite possibly a hypothetical situation - the fact that someone in the Federal Government may have suggested or advised you to do so is of no help to you. In other words, you cannot lie to a Grand Jury in Orleans Parish without violating the law of perjury. This is one of our most serious laws. You understand that?

A. Yes sir.

Q. All right. Now, I hope I did not inconvenience you by calling you back today because you were cooperative the last time we called you, but we have a problem which has arisen because we have received a communication from a former Marine who served in the same outfit you were in at the same time you were and that Lee Oswald was in it, and in order to save time and not go through the entire

affidavit which is rather long, I am just going to take a section of it. To sum it up at the outset, the affidavit of this Marine testifies under oath that there was an individual who used to speak Russian in the ranks with Lee Harvey Oswald at the morning muster and he says that the other individual who used to speak Russian with Lee Oswald at the morning muster was John Rene Heindel. Now I'll give you a chance to answer that in a minute. Was there anyone else in your Unit named John Rene Heindel?

A. Not that I know of, sir.

Q. There was just you. Did you ever have the nickname of Hydell or Hedell given to you perhaps by a Sgt. in a mispronunciation of your name? How did they pronounce it?

A. Heidel.

Q. What did most of the Marines call you? Hindell or Hydell?

A. Most of my closest friends called me Heindel.

Q. They knew?

A. Yes sir.

Q. I take it from your answer that there <sup>were</sup> a few non-coms and some of the others who just took the easier form of Hydell?

A. Right.

Q. Will you, first of all, tell us what you recall of Lee Harvey Oswald and how often you saw him in your Marine unit?

A. The only thing that I can remember was that I had heard that this boy was from New Orleans, or somewhere around New Orleans, and his name was Oswald and a friend of mine had married an Oswald girl and I went over to him and asked him if he was any relation to the girl, and he told me no. That was the extent of my conversation with him.

Q. Where did this conversation occur?

A. In the barracks, I believe, Mr. Garrison. This has been 10 years ago and plenty of stuff has been .....

Q. Where were the barracks located?

A. At Sugi Naval Air Station in Japan.

Q. At Sugi?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Did you ever talk to Lee Oswald before then?

A. No sir. Not that I can remember, as I said before, I read it in a magazine after all of this happened, that he was on the same ship that I was when we went overseas. I did not know him then.

Q. How many soldiers were on the ship?

A. Oh, 800, 900, maybe 1000.



Q. What was the designation of that particular unit?

A. It was just a replacement draft for the overseas men, in other words, men were due to come home and they had to have others to replace them.

Q. As opposed to a tactical organization?

A. Yes sir.

Q. In other words, they might have had a number of individuals with similar numbers and similar assignments that were going over as replacements and then would join a tactical unit?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Were you ever in a tactical unit with Lee Harvey Oswald?

A. I was in H & MS 11, which is a Headquarters Maintenance Squadron and that is where I can recall talking with him in the barracks.

Q. Was Oswald in the same Squadron that you were?

A. I believe he was in H & MS 11, that is how I can remember talking with him, he must have been in the same outfit I was being as I had talked with him.

Q. Do you have any recollection as to his function? Assignment?

A. Yes, he was in radar involved with GCA and things like that.

Q. Ground Control Approach?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Does that require a security clearance?

A. Everyone that I have ever known who worked in GCA had to have some sort of clearance.

Q. Would it be fair to say Oswald had to have a higher security clearance than the average Marine? In GCA?

A. Apparently so, I really could not say.

Q. Would it be fair to say working in GCA you have to have a higher security clearance than the average infantryman?

A. Yes.

Q. Are you also of the impression that you have to have a higher IQ?

A. I would think so, because it is a pretty hard course to pass as I understand.

Q. Now you were at Sugi when you talked to Oswald?

A. Yes sir.

Q. You do not recall seeing him after this incident?

A. No sir.

Q. You do not recall seeing him at El Toro?

A. No sir.

Q. Now, at Sugi the U2 was based, was it not?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Did they have any Marines on that Base with ordinary security clearance, such as infantrymen?



A. The only people in that category would be the military police, it was strictly an Air Base, and people involved in infantry would be your MP's and people who handle the motor pool and such things as that.

Q. Would it be fair then to say that virtually everybody at Shugie except Military Police had to have some form of security clearance?

A. No, I didn't have any sort of security clearance.

Q. What was your job?

A. I was working in the operations office, we maintained log books on aircraft and things like that.

Q. It is your impression that Lee Oswald had a higher security clearance that you did?

A. I would think so, being as he was in MAC 1.

Q. What does MAC 1 mean?

A. Marine Air Control 1.

Q. All right. Did you ever hear anything at Shugie about the fact that Oswald was able to talk Russian at all?

A. No sir.

Q. Can you recall any nickname which Oswald had at that time?

A. No sir.

Q. Would it refresh your memory if I say "Ossie"?

A. No sir.

Q. Can you recall any friends that he had at Shugie?

A. No sir.

Q. Do you recall what he did in his time off?

A. I have seen him in town.

Q. In the little Japanese town?

A. Yes, in Hemoto (phonetically). Like I said before I always thought from what I could see of him that he kept to himself, but that was about it.

Q. Most of the other Marines who were in the Unit with Oswald described him as having been quiet and inclined to read a great deal and being very interested in chess. Is that your impression of Oswald?

A. I would say he was quiet and kept to himself, that/about about it. The chess, I have read that in Life Magazine but I could not say I have seen him do it.

Q. But your impression is that he was quiet and kept to himself?

A. Yes.

Q. You are aware, of course, that your affidavit in the Warren Report states that Oswald often got intoxicated?

A. I have seen him intoxicated in town.

Q. How many times?

A. I don't remember. It may have been once, Mr. Garrison, but I have seen him in town and intoxicated. Of course everybody went into town for a good time and there were probably more than him that was intoxicated.

Q. Where did you see him intoxicated?

A. In Homoto.

Q. Where in Homoto?

A. Its - I don't remember, Mr. Garrison.

Q. Was he walking down the street or sitting in a bar?

A. It could have been either one. I really don't remember, but I do remember seeing him intoxicated.

Q. On any other occasions?

A. No, that is about all.

Q. You also say in your affidavit, which was part of the Warren Commission, that he had a tendency to rebel against authority. Will you give us an instance, or some examples?

A. Well, he was - he would gripe a lot about things he had to do or what people would tell him to do and you could hear him making comments that he just did not like to do what other people told him to do.

Q. Were you standing close enough to hear him make those comments?

- A. I guess I was, Mr. Garrison. I don't - you see, I can recall this guy vaguely and can recall some of the things he said and my conversation with him - and that's about all.
- Q. Can you give us an example which would indicate his rebellion against authority?
- A. He just griped a lot, so did a lot of others.
- Q. Can you give us an example of one of his gripes?
- A. No, I could not offhand.
- Q. Just one? Can't you give us one example of one gripe?
- A. No, I don't know any offhand, plenty of guys in the Service disagreed with some of the things that were going on.....
- Q. The reason I am interested in that is because the great majority of the other Marines testifying described him as a quiet individual and did not indicate that he got intoxicated and did not indicate that he griped a lot about authority, and I was curious about how this different view developed, especially when you only saw him one time, talked to him one time.
- A. It was just hearing him gripe about petty things, but I don't remember what it was, Mr. Garrison.
- Q. You can't remember one thing he griped about?
- A. No sir. The only thing I can actually remember is the

conversation I had with him - actually getting down to it.

Q. You knew he was from New Orleans?

A. I had heard he was from New Orleans.

Q. How many other soldiers in the Unit were from New Orleans?

A. I think I was the only one that I know besides Oswald.

Q. Would that not normally be a basis for occasionally talking to him about your home town?

A. No, that was the only time - because when I talked to him - I asked him if he was related to this girl and he said 'no', and if I remember right, he just walked off and that was it.

Q. How many months were you in the same Unit with Oswald?

A. From what I can remember, it was up until he was court-martialed.

Q. You remember the incident for which he was courtmartialed?

A. I think it was disobeying an order of a non-commissioned officer.

Q. How many months would that be roughly?

A. It was shortly after I was there. It was 3 months, 2 months.

Q. How many months would you say you spent in the same Unit?

A. A couple of months.



Q. Just a month or so?

A. Yes sir. That's about all.

Q. Do you recall whether he was on the ship going over?

A. No, I don't recall him being on the same ship.

Like I said, I read he was on the same ship.

Q. Can you recall at what point you learned that there was another Marine from New Orleans there?

A. No, it was just that someone had told me that this other guy was from New Orleans, and I had heard his name, and I asked him if he was related to that girl.

Q. How long were you at Shugie?

A. From September, 1957 until around September 1958, then we were sent to Formosa.

Q. You were at Shugie for a year?

A. Yes, or a little better.

Q. Now did Oswald go to Formosa with you?

A. Not that I know of.

Q. Your impression is that you arrived at Shugie in September and Oswald was there only one month or so?

A. In our outfit.

Q. While you were there?

A. I remember seeing him chased by \_\_\_\_\_ chasers while

he was out, or after he was courtmartialed, and that was about the extent of what I have seen.



Q. Being chased?

A. Right. In other words, he was a prisoner.

Q. For how long?

A. I don't know.

Q. When he went to the brig would he leave the outfit for a while?

A. Yes, he had to leave the outfit.

Q. That's what I mean, he left the outfit and you did not see him anymore?

A. No.

Q. That would be about a month and then he left the outfit? That is your impression?

A. About that.

Q. Do you know whether or not there was a Russian language school at Shugie or not? At that time?

A. Not that I know of.

Q. Do you know whether or not there was any intelligence training of any kind at Shugie?

A. They had a criminal investigation department.

Q. But in addition to a criminal investigation department, are you aware of any intelligence operation at Shugie?

A. No.

Q. Were you aware of any intelligence training at Shugie?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever get a chance to see the U-2?

A. Yes, several times.

Q. When did you see it, when it took off?

A. When it took off.

Q. Did the rest of the Marines have a chance to see the U-2 take off?

A. Yes.

Q. What did they call it at the time. The Black Bird?

A. No, we didn't exactly know what it was at the time, there were no markings on it, it was just a silver plane, that's all it was, a huge thing.

Q. On occasion, when I was in the Service, I would bump into someone from New Orleans, and it just occurred to me quite clearly, that when I bumped into someone from New Orleans we usually got together and talked about the City and people we knew, and it would tend to throw us together from time to time. That didn't happen in your case with Oswald?

A. No, it didn't.

Q. Can you remember how far away his bunk was from yours?

A. I don't remember.

Q. You remember where you were standing when you talked to him?

A. Yes, I think it was in the hallway, in other words, the barracks consisted of two sections, you had two squadrons in one barracks and you had a large rack-room they call it, in between.

Q. Did he live in the same barracks with you?

A. I think he did, yes sir. That's why I say I think he was at H & MS Squad four months.

Q. Did he live in the same dormitory, the same section with the bunks in it?

A. I think he did.

Q. In other words, when you went to bed at night he went to bed in the same room with you?

A. I would say so, yes.

Q. Can you recall Nelson Delgado?

A. No sir.

Q. Do you recall Cary Thornley?

A. Cary Thornley rings a bell from reading his name in the paper, about a book that he was writing about Oswald.

Q. What other Marine can you recall living in the same barracks with you?

A. Jerry Cox from North Carolina.

Q. Go ahead.

A. Sgt. Benerfield, of course he did not live in the barracks, he was married to a Japanese girl .....

I don't recall his first name.

Q. Anyone else?

A. Bob Mosca.

Q. Where is he from?

A. He was from New York.

Q. Anyone else?

A. Harry Cook from Houston, Texas.

Q. Anyone else?

A. Well, I had a very good friend named Leonard Carfley, but he wasn't in the same barracks, he and I went to boot camp together and I happened to run into him at Shugie.

Q. Do you recall anyone else?

A. Those were about the only guys that I was real good friends with, there were about 75 or 80 other people there.

Q. These were the men with whom you were most friendly?

A. Yes.

Q. Can you recall any men with whom Oswald was frequently seen by you?

A. No.

Q. How long were you in the Marines?

A. I had 6 months active duty time when I went into boot camp in 1956 and I was released from active duty and I was out for a period and I went back to active duty, in 1957.

Q. Have you ever heard of Monterey, California?

A. Yes.

Q. Are you familiar with the Government Armed Services Training Program at Monterey?

A. No, I am not.

Q. Do you know what kind of Armed Forces Installation they have at Monterey?

A. No sir - its an Airfield, I believe.

Q. Have you ever heard, during your time in the Marines, of any language training schools?

A. No, they had Japanese training schools, of course that was only natural being in Japan.

Q. Have you ever heard of language training schools in the Armed Services?

A. No sir.

Q. Did you ever know of anyone who learned to speak a language in the Marines? While you were in the Marines?

A. Japanese. This fellow Bennerfield was married to a Japanese.



Q. And no one else?

A. That is about it. We all picked up a little Japanese language, but it didn't amount to too much.

Q. But you never heard of anyone who learned Russian?

A. No sir.

Q. Now, I would like to read to you a portion of that affidavit which was sworn to before a Notary Public and I might add that that has the effect of perjury - in other words, when this was sworn to, if this man was not telling the truth he would be committing perjury there. So it would have to be regarded more seriously than just a statement. This man signed this affidavit and swore that it was true. If it were not true he could be prosecuted for perjury. It starts at this point and he says:

".... Returning now from my lunch with Jenner..."

Q. do you know him?

A. No.

Q. You never talked with him?

A. I never heard of him.

Q. Did you ever talk with anybody from the Warren Commission?

A. Yes, Mr. Ely.

Q. Was he an FBI Agent? Or a Warren Commission lawyer? I have his name

A. No, but he was with the Warren Commission



I brought this stuff.

Q. Will you let us see it?

A. Certainly, but I would like to have it back.

Q. Well, you'll get it back.

Q. After the FBI man talked to me I marked this later and I got a telegram for me to call a Mr. Ely in Washington, and all he wanted to do was run over the same thing that the FBI Agent had gone through and talked to me about at my home concerning Oswald.

JUROR:

Your discharge papers?

A. No, this was what I had talked to Mr. Garrison about.

MR. GARRISON:

Do you mind if we take photostats of this?

A. No sir.

Q. And you never talked to Mr. Jenner?

A. Never heard of him.

Q. All right. Do you remember when the attorneys for the Warren Commission came down to New Orleans and questioned various witnesses and questioned Dean Andrews at some length at the old Civil Courts Building, you remember that?

A. Reading about it.

Q. Reading it in the paper?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you have any idea why they called some individuals

before the Warren Commission, but did not call you before the Warren Commission?

A. No, I have no idea. The only thing I have heard since then was when you called me to your office last week.

Q. Do you have any idea why the Warren Commission took testimony of a number of Marines and only took an affidavit from you?

A. I don't know sir. As a matter of fact, I had asked Leonard Carfley, I called him at Christmas, and I asked Leonard if he had remembered Oswald, that the

FBI had asked me about him and he said he could not remember him. And this boy, Harry Cook from Houston, he came down to see me a couple of summers ago, and I had told him about it and he said he could not remember Oswald either.

Q. What kind of work does Harry Cook do?

A. He is a pilot for some airlines in Houston, as a matter of fact, he started off as a jet mechanic in the Service and he landed a job with I don't know what airlines it is, but in Houston .....

Q. Would it be Eastern Airlines?

A. I don't remember.

Q. But he became a pilot?

A. He said he was doing some flying, so I took it for

granted he was a pilot.

Q. For a Company or what?

A. For a Company.

Q. Like these oil rigs out in the river ....

A. Yes; I think that is it.

Q. How long did he stay with you when he visited you?

A. He stayed a couple of days. We went out and I took him in the Quarter and that was it, after that night, he had to leave the next morning.

Q. Did he come just to visit you?

A. Yes, he brought down two girls with him, one is his <sup>her</sup> girl and the other is/cousin. My wife and I took them out.

Q. Would it be fair to say this is one of your closest friends in the Marines?

A. No, my closest friend is this fellow is this fellow Garfley. Harry Cook and I went overseas together.

Q. Can you remember the year Harry Cook came in?

A. Just two years ago, that would be around '65, or possibly '64 late.

Q. Are you aware that Cary Thornley came to New Orleans in 1953?

A. I did not know this guy Thornley until I read in the paper

that he was writing a book.

Q. Did you notice the name Oswald in papers and on TV in '63?

A. No, I remember reading about your speaking of the Fair Play for Cuba - I still can't remember why it did not catch my eye at the time. I think they had his picture on TV but at the time I wasn't too much interested in what was going on so I didn't recognize ...

.....

Q. Do you normally read the papers in the morning?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you ever been to Mexico?

A. Yes when I was stationed in Yuma, Arizona.

Q. When was that?

A. <sup>two</sup>My last/years in the Service, 1959-61.

Q. How frequently did you go to Mexico?

A. We went about 3 or 4 times a year. Something like that.

Q. have you ever been to Mexico City?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever been to Montreal?

A. No.

Q. All right. Let me read the statement now:

"..... returning from my lunch with Mr. Jenner who is a counsel for the Warren Commission, at



the Supreme Court cafeteria, I asked Mr. Jenner who the hell was it that used to speak Russian in the ranks in the morning with Oswald. Mr. Jenner then replied with a perfectly straight face, it was Hydell, his tone in effect was you were right all along, it was Hydell. My reaction was one of surprise naturally because by this time I had come to accept the fact that Hydell was simply the name Oswald had used on various occasions. It had no other significance, specifically in regard to the man who conversed in Russian with Oswald during the morning muster. Jenner then smiled and as to let me in on a joke he had just played on me, said, no, his name really was Heindel..... "

A. Who is this fellow?

Q. This is Mr. Jenner, one of the Senior Counsel for the Warren Commission.

" ..... in a tone of voice which indicated to me that he, Mr. Jenner, had momentarily been pulling my leg by letting me think that I had been right all along and that Hydell was the name Hydell and the name of the other Marine I had in mind who spoke

Russian with Oswald. Upon hearing the name Heindel, I realized was the name I had been searching my memory for in connection with the man who spoke Russian with Oswald in the morning muster. This is the type of scene that I vividly recollect at El Toro Marine Base ....."

Q. Let me stop at this moment, and ask what year were you at El Toro?

A. I went to El Toro in July of 1957, we were there for about a month before going overseas, then come back from overseas I was there for about a couple of weeks I think it was and then I was transferred to the Marine Corps Air Patrol of another part of El Toro, but its a Helicopter Base. Its in Santa Ana, California.

Q. South of Los Angeles?

A. Right.

Q. Can you recall Cary Thornley being at El Toro?

A. I don't even know him.

Q. You just recall the name - later on he wrote a book?

A. Yes.

" .... anyway, this is the type of scene I recall - the men would fall in in the morning at muster



as I recall, I am standing here and from behind me I hear Oswald and this fellow Heindel speaking to each other in Russian, Oswald would say something to him in Russian and Heindel would reply in Russian, Oswald would answer in Russian and Heindel would reply again in Russian, and after such exchanges at a conversational pace they would both laugh, when they both laughed at the same time the impression was that one of them had told a joke. Now to save time and get to the point I next asked Mr. Jenner was his first name Alex J. and Mr. Jenner said no, he said John Rene , although I do not remember the exact word I made it clear to Mr. Jenner that John Heindel was the man I had reference to in my previous testimony and his name I could not recollect while under oath. I think I said to Mr. Jenner ' Oh, Heindel, of course, that was the man'. The next part of my conversation with Mr. Jenner was as follows: I said something to this effect: well, what's with this guy, what is the story on him? Mr. Jenner replied, 'Oh, I

spoke to him, he is harmless.' .....

Q. I want to repeat that:

"Oh, I spoke to him, he is harmless. With that we dropped the subject. It did, however, come up one more time during lunch ....." and it goes on to repeat that in effect.

A. Excuse Mr. Mr. Garrison, the fellow talking to Jenner, who is this fellow?

Q. I can't give you his name, but I will give it to you later. This is a Marine who was in the Service same time as Oswald and he recalls John Rene Heindel as speaking Russian with Lee Harvey Oswald and naturally you can understand we are curious about that and when he says that under affidavit, and if he is not telling the truth he could go to prison.

A. I can assure you I can't speak Russian.

Q. Let me ask you this? When you stood in rank did you ever stand alphabetically - payroll muster you stood alphabetically, didn't you?

A. Yes sir.

Q. You remember payroll muster was once a month?

A. I think it was over there.

Q. Did they have anyone at payroll muster whose name began with H, and whose name was similar to yours?

A. Yes, we had a Bob Hall, a blond headed fellow.

Q. Do you know where he is from?

A. No, he was a very good friend with this guy Bob Moska.

Q. Was there anybody else who stood next to you who could conceivably be the person about whom this man is talking?

A. No, that's the only one I know of that I knew. I guess there were many others but he is the only one I can think of right now.

Q. Can you think of anyone in your Unit who had a name like Heindel?

A. No, I don't.

Q. Do you speak any foreign language at all?

A. No.

Q. Does your family speak any foreign language?

A. My mother speaks French.

Q. Your mother is French, your father is what?

A. Heindel, Dutch.

Q. So, if I were to ask you whether or not this testimony, which I just read to you from an affidavit, is true or untrue, what would you say?

A. It is untrue.

Q. Is there any doubt in your mind at all?

A. There is no doubt in my mind, first of all, I can not speak Russian. And I would like to know who this guy is

Q. I will see that you know.

That is all the questions I have. Do you have any?

JUROR:

How do the security clearances run in the Marine Corps?

A. Yes, but I think the only people who have any kind of secret clearance were these people in the CID, if I am not mistaken, they are the only ones I recall. As far as the guys working in the CDA outfit, I knew they had to get clearance but I don't think it went under secret.

Q. Who was your top security clearance?

A. I don't know, ma'am.

Q. Did you say you work in Base Operations?

A. Right.

Q. You were allowed to see the U-2 take off?

A. Yes.

Q. And you had no clearance?

A. No, but I can tell you one thing. They had a big yellow line around this hangar, and if I remember right they were civilian guards ....

Q. Civilian Guards?



A. Yes. And they were in civilian clothes.

Q. I thought you said before they were Military Police?

A. No, I didn't say at the hangar there.

Q. Oh, you were talking about on the Base.

A. And if you put one foot inside this line, why you .....

Q. Did you ever see the pilot get on the U-2?

A. Yes.

Q. How did he do it, did he walk and get on the plane?

A. No, I take it back, from what I remember, the pilot was in the plane when it pulled out by the hangar.

But you could see the pilot in the plane.

Q. Did you see an ambulance by it?

A. No, they had a rescue crew there but they never did call it out.

Q. It is my understanding they have to give them high type oxygen before they board the plane because it takes gas.

Did you ever take a correspondence course in the Marine Corps?

A. I finished High School in the Service.

Q. Did you take any other type courses? Correspondent courses?

A. No.

Q. When you saw Oswald intoxicated, how did he act, was he hung over, or was he really drunk?

A. No, I don't think he was boisterous, I just recall seeing him loaded. I'll put it that way.

Q. Was he down in the street?

A. I can't remember if he was in a bar or in the street, or where.

Q. What made you feel he was intoxicated, how could you tell?

A. It was my impression.

Q. Was his tongue thick?

A. I don't know, I don't even know if he talked.

Like I say, the only time I talked to him was in the barracks.

Q. When you went in the Armed Forces were you living in the Parish of Orleans?

A. Yes.

Q. What part of town?

A. Algiers.

Q. Are you still living in Algiers?

A. Yes.

Q. You live with your mother and father?

A. No, I am married.

Q. What part of Algiers do you live?

A. Aurora Gardens.

Q. Before you were married, what part did you live?

A. 812 Belleville St.



Q. How long did you work in Hdq. Maintenance?

A. My whole time with the Marines.

Q. And you never had a security clearance?

A. No.

Q. Did other men who worked around you have a security clearance?

A. Not that I know of, maybe some of the officers did.

Q. Did you handle incoming and outgoing flights?

A. Yes, in Yuma, Arizona, for two years that is all I did.

Q. And you did this in Japan too?

A. Not in Japan. I worked in Operations as far as log books on aircraft were concerned.

Q. Did you have access to planes taking off and coming back in Japan?

A. No.

Q. What was your rank in Japan?

A. At the time I was Corporal III.

Q. MR. GARRISON:

How many Corporals did they have in your Unit? In the Barracks?

A. I don't know, there was a gang of them. 50 or 60 I would say.

Q. Roughly, 50 or 60 of them? Corporals?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you ever had occasion to bump into or know David

Ferrie, or Gordon Novel, or Clay Shaw, or anyone whose name has come up in this case?

A. No, just what I have read in the papers.

Q. I am going to let you know later the name of this former Marine because I think you have a right to know it because of the possibility that what he says is not true. On the other hand, I want you to do something for us. Do you have any photographs of yourself in the Marines that you could lend us temporarily?

A. Yes.

Q. When could you bring them by?

A. I could root them out tonight and bring them tomorrow.

Q. Would you root them out tonight and bring one in sometime tomorrow?

A. Yes sir.

Q. If it would not be too inconvenient you could leave it with Mr. Alcock or Mr. Oser and within a week we will give it back.

A. All right, sir.

Q. We would appreciate it.

JUROR:

When you got out of service did you go to work? For Public Service

A. No, I was working for the ~~Metropolitan~~ Public Railroad.

Q. And you just went into

A. Yes.

Q. What Department do you work?

A. Gas Department.

Q. How tall are you?

A. 5'9"

Q. How much do you weigh?

A. About 145 pounds.

MR. GARRISON:

I have no further questions.

Thank you for coming.

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I certify that the preceding transcript is a true  
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